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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI RETURNS DURBAN

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1. CHIEF GATHSA BUTHELEZI RETURNED DURBAN JULY 2 FOLLOWING PRIVATE THREE WEEK U.S. VISIT. AIRPORT STATEMENT ON HIS RETURN INDICATED HE DEEPLY DISTURBED BY CONFRONTATIONS HE HAD WITH SEVERAL EXILED SOUTH AFRICANS WHILE IN U.S. HE WAS PARTICULARLY PIQUED BY STATEMENTS MADE BY EXILED COLORED LEADER PROFESSOR DENNIS BRUTUS. BRUTUS WHO ALLEGED HIMSELF AN ANC SPOKESMAN, APPARENTLY CALLED BUTHELEZI A "STOOGES OF MR. VORSTER" AND DENIED BUTHELEZI REPRESENTED VIEWS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S AFRICANS. BUTHELEZI ALSO EXPRESSED EXTREME ANNOYANCE WITH ATTEMPTS BY TWO FRELIMO SPOKESMEN, SARFUDINE KAHN AND JORGE REBELO TO DISCREDIT HIM DURING VISIT. RECALLING SIMILAR INCIDENTS DURING AN EARLIER EUROPEAN TOUR (REF C) BUTHELEZI WORRIED ALOUD OVER THE RISING TIDE OF CRITICISM HE IS FACING FROM EXILES ABROAD.

2. RESPONDING TO HIS CRITICS BUTHELEZI REMARKED THAT IT
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WAS HE AND NOT THEY THAT FACED THE FIRING LINE OF SOUTH AFRICAN REALITY.

3. CLARIFYING HIS REMARKS TO THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AT ST. LOUIS, BUTHELEZI SAID THAT WHILE HE SUPPORTED THE CONTINUATION OF CONSTRUCTIVE AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA, HE DOES NOT OPPOSE THOSE PLEADING WITHDRAWAL WHEN IT COMES TO CORPORATIONS THAT NEITHER PROVIDE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK OR WHO FAIL TO TRAIN OR EDUCATE BLACKS OR REFUSE TO INVEST ANY OF THEIR PROFITS IN BLACK DEVELOPMENT.

4. COMMENT: BUTHELEZI APPEARED QUITE FATIGUED FROM TRIP BUT PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO GATHER HIS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT NONGOMA. DUE IN PART TO HIS EXPERIENCE THIS TRIP HE HAS ASKED COUNCILLOR FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT B. DLADLA TO POSTPONE HIS IV GRANT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR MID-JULY.
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